



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Conditions across Colorado were cool and dry last week. Most of the State experienced precipitation levels well-below average for this time of year. Overall, snowpack is 127 percent of the average. Farmers were allowed 3.2 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 14 | 26 | 49 | 11 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 11 | 24 | 56 | 9 |

Field Crops: Six percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 1 percent seeded by week's end. This is comparable with the 1 percent planted last year and behind the 5-year average of 4 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 9, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | 12 | 18 | 35 | 28 | 7 |

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to poor across the State. The Eastern Plains experienced a drier than average winter. Ranchers are hopeful for conditions to improve during the growing season.

Livestock: Thirty-three percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 19 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were slightly above average for the week. Stored feed supplies are rated at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 9, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2008 | 6 | 31 | 39 | 23 | 1 |
| Prev. Year - 2007 | 14 | 35 | 34 | 10 | 7 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 14 | 29 | 39 | 16 | 2 |

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

| | 2007 | 5-Yr Avg. |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|
| Cows Calved since Jan 1 | 33 | 32 |
| Ewes Lambled since Jan 1 | 19 | 22 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 9, 2008

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Pastured | 6 | N/A | 3 | 6 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Seeded | 1 | N/A | 1 | 4 |

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | 12 | 18 | 35 | 28 | 7 |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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